

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 20, 2010
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 7:28 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Chaplain Herbert Johnson, Liberty Baptist Church/Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Page Taylor Reed.
2. Roll Call:
Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey
Aldermen: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Robertson -10-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, Beck, McNeely -3-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of December 13, 2010, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly, Beck, McNeely absent).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. Prophet Yusef thanked the Salvation Army volunteers for their efforts, thanked Mayor Morrissey for appointing Mike Dunn as Regional Director of Governmental Affairs and offered his opinion on the fall of America.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

5. Alderman Hervey opened a bid for Sale of Property at 1411 Charles Street from Swedish American Foundation in the amount of \$3,900.00. Referred to Purchasing and Legal Department
6. Alderman Hervey submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Zuroske, Capital Program Manager regarding City-State Agreement Amendment: N. Main St. and Auburn St. Roundabout Phase II – Land Acquisition. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
7. Alderman Hervey submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Zuroske, Capital Program Manager regarding Intergovernmental Agreement: Bell School Road (Mill Rd – Argus Dr.). Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
8. Alderman Hervey submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Hayes, Legal Director, regarding AFSCME 1058 and AFSCME 1058B Collective Bargaining Agreement. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
9. Alderman Timm submitted a letter from a constituent, opposing the proposed police department lay-offs. Referred to the Police Department and Mayor Morrissey's Office.
10. Alderman Johnson submitted two (2) requests for service. Referred to Community Development/Code Enforcement and Public Works Department.

11. Alderman Johnson submitted an e-mail from Alan and Jodi Hunter concerning snow removal operations. Referred to Public Works Department.
12. Alderman Johnson submitted an e-mail from Amy Ekstrom, proposing a "caution" traffic signal/sign near Lincoln Middle School on Charles Street during times when children are crossing to go to and from school. Referred to Public Works Department/Traffic.
13. Alderman Robertson submitted a letter from John Andersen, Cherry Bowl, regarding RACVB cuts. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

14. Alderman Hervey read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the approval of the Westlaw Online Legal Services in the amount of \$19,700.00 annually for three years. LAID OVER.
15. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of December 20, 2010 in the amount of \$2,381,540.13. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach,
Elyea, Robertson -10-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Thompson-Kelly, Beck, McNeely -3-

OFFICERS REPORTS

16. Mayor Morrissey commended Joe Corl, Rockford Fire Department, and interns Patrick Rasmussen and Jane Furness for their hard work creating the Emergency Operations Plan donating over 400 hours each.

Joe Corl, Patrick Rasmussen and Jane Furness presented Mayor Morrissey with the Emergency Operations Plan Book which he approved and signed on behalf of the City of Rockford.
17. Mayor Morrissey thanked the coordinators of the First Annual Chili Shoot-Out held last week in the lobby at City Hall, proceeds benefiting the Salvation Army. He reported Dwayne Collins, Community Development Department, won for the best chili and the Legal Department won for the best presentation.
18. Mayor Morrissey mentioned with sadness attending the funeral service of Springfield Mayor Tim Davlin last week.
- 18a. Mayor Morrissey mentioned Warren Ribley, State Commerce Department Director, will be making an announcement tomorrow at the 11:00 am news conference at Katie's Cup.

19. Mayor Morrissey announced the Payment Center will be closed Wednesday morning, December 29, 2010 due to a system software update and will open at 1:00 pm that same day.
20. Mayor Morrissey wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
21. Mayor Morrissey announced the First Ward Alderman Interim Appointment of Dr. Tim Durkee will be laid over one week.
22. Alderman Jacobson explained the frustration of business owners who have property next to a busy state highway and the difficulties they have keeping the sidewalks clear of snow, per our city ordinance.

Jim Ryan, City Administrator, indicated he will address the issue with the Tim Hanson, Director of Public Works, and report back to Alderman Jacobson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2010-431CR

23. Alderman Jacobson moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that the City Council approve the dissolution of the Southeast Affordable Housing TIF and its special tax allocation fund. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach,
Elyea, Robertson -10-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, Beck, McNeely -3-

2010-432CR

24. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the Contract Extension with the Google email spam filtering service at a cost of \$14,640 per year. The extension would be for three years. The funding source is IT Fund. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach,
Elyea, Robertson -10-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, Beck, McNeely -3-

2010-433CR

25. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the 2011 Animal Services Contract with the County for one year. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach,
Elyea, Robertson -10-

Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, Beck, McNeely -3-

2010-149-O

26. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending the 2010 levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010 of the City of Rockford, County of Winnebago, and State of Illinois. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Robertson -10-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, Beck, McNeely -3-

2010-434CR

27. Alderman Johnson moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that "No Action" be taken on the following item:

1. Request from Kevin Rilott, for assigned parking spaces on 10th Street.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Elyea, Robertson -8-
Nays: Mark, Beach -2-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, Beck, McNeely -3-

2010-145-O

28. Alderman Johnson moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Section 3-55, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Illinois upon all other requirements of the Liquor Ordinances having been met, said amendment shall serve as City Council advice and consent for the Liquor Commissioner to issue a Liquor License to the following person:

Ramon Reynoso d/b/a Hacienda El Patron located at 3929 Broadway for the sale of liquor by the drink in conjunction with a restaurant and outdoor beer garden/seating area is hereby approved. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Compliance with the Liquor Ordinance
2. Hours of operation are limited as provided on the submitted Business Plan Exhibit E
3. There shall be no cover charge.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Elyea, Robertson -9-
Nays: Beach -1-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, Beck, McNeely -3-

2010-146-O

29. Alderman Johnson moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Article 64, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford, Illinois for a Variation to allow a six foot fence as previously placed in the front yard along Eastgate Parkway in an R-1, Single-Family Residential Zoning District at 3445 Minnesota Drive.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Elyea,
Robertson -9-
Nays: Beach -1-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, Beck, McNeely -3-

2010-147-O

30. Alderman Johnson moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Article 63 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford, Illinois for a Special Use Permit for the operation of a sexually-oriented bookstore business in a C-3, General Commercial Zoning District at 280 North Phelps Avenue, Unit E. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. That the Special Use Permit shall lapse after five (5) years and the use shall be discontinued. The business owner may reapply for the Special Use Permit at that time.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Johnson, Elyea, Robertson, Mayor
Morrissey -8-
Nays: Hervey, Timm, Beach -3-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, Beck, McNeely -3-

31. Alderman Johnson moved the adoption of an Ordinance for the approval of the sale of City owned property located near the intersection of Concord and West State Street for a minimum bid of \$35,000 and that proposals for terms of payment will be received.

Alderman Johnson made a motion to refer the item back to Code and Regulation Committee, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly, Beck, McNeely absent).

NEW BUSINESS

2010-148-O

32. Alderman Jacobson introduced and read an Ordinance approving the dissolution of the Southeast Affordable Housing TIF.

Alderman Jacobson moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly, Beck, McNeely absent). The Ordinance was placed on Passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach,
Elyea, Robertson -10-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, Beck, McNeely -3-

33. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Reed
City Council Clerk

[The meeting was taped in its entirety, and the tape is on file in the Legal Department]

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
City Council Chambers, 2ND floor City Hall
425 E. State Street, Rockford
December 27, 2010
6:00 P.M.
AGENDA

The following represents, in general, the chronological order of proceedings at the City Council meeting:

- Call to Order by the Mayor
- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call and determination of quorum
- Acceptance of Journal of Proceedings
- Public Hearing
- Public Participation
- Petitions and Communications
- New Committee Reports (Reports of Standing Committees – Code and Regulation, Finance and Personnel, Planning and Development - and other select committees)

I. NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS TO BE READ IN DECEMBER 27, 2010

A. CODE AND REGULATIONS

1. Beck - Rockford Health Physicians Agreement for Use of Right-of-Way (Fiber Optic)
- Officers Reports
 - Unfinished Business of previous meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER DECEMBER 20, 2010

1. Hervey - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the approval of the Westlaw Online Legal Services in the amount of \$19,700.00 annually for three years.
- Motions and Resolutions

III. MISCELLANEOUS HELD OVER DECEMBER 20, 2010

1. Mayor Morrissey – Interim Appointment First Ward Alderman – Dr. Tim Durkee

IV. NEW BUSINESS (note: Ordinances may be read in under New Business and Rule 11 suspended and final vote taken. Committee Reports would have previously been voted on).

1. Hervey – Ordinance - 2011 Animal Services Contract with the County for one year.
- * same action taken before
- Adjournment

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POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

The following items appear on the City Council Standing Committee Agendas as noted. Items may receive a vote at committee and come before the first City Council meeting held after the committee meeting. Rule 11 can be suspended and final vote taken on said items at the City Council meeting (no rule suspension is necessary to take a vote on vouchers).

CODE AND REGULATION COMMITTEE

Monday, December 27, 2010, 5:15 p.m.

Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)

AGENDA

1. C & R 10-182 Rockford Health Physicians Agreement for Use of Right-of-Way (Fiber Optic)
2. C & R 10-134 ZBA#023-10 Comprehensive Zoning Map Update with multiple zoning amendments for City Wide Zoning Map
3. C & R 10-178 ZBA#038-10 Zoning Text Amendment to Section 20-1 Use Classification Table & Section 51-002 Signs Not Permitted
4. C & R 10-176 ZBA#034-10 Variation for a 16' by 16' turn-around extension to a driveway in the required front yard
Variation to increase the Maximum Impervious Surface Ratio from 50% to 54% in an R-1, Single-family Residential Zoning District at 3447 Broadway
5. C & R 10-162 ZBA#028-10 Variation to allow an eight foot (8') privacy fence along the back of petitioner's properties within the front yard along Spring Creek Road in an R-1, Single-Family Residential District at 6336, 6358, 6382, 6394 Brigantine Lane
6. C & R 10-181 Closed Session for Purposes of Pending Litigation and/or Land Acquisition or Sale of Property

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, December 27, 2010, 5:15 p.m.

Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)

AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Resolution to take Bids
 - B. Vouchers
2. City-State Agreement Amendment: N. Main St. & Auburn St. Roundabout Phase II – Land Acquisition
3. Intergovernmental Agreement: Bell School Road – Lay over
4. AFSCME 1058 & AFSCME 1058B 2011 Collective Bargaining Agreement – Suspend rules
5. 2011 Budget

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, December 27, 2010, 5:30 p.m.

CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor

AGENDA

1. Memorandum from Rob Lamb, Industrial Development Manager, regarding the Enterprise Zone Amendment to Expand Boundaries.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

Monday, December 27, 2010, _____ p.m.

Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)

AGENDA

No Meeting Scheduled.